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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

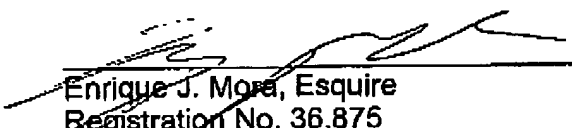
Claims 12, 17 and 26 stand rejected. Applicant appreciates the recognition of allowable subject matter by the Examiner regarding objected claims 13-16, 18, 19 and 27-29. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is solicited in view of the foregoing amendments.

Claims 12, 17 and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 13, 14, 18, 27 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form, and consequently their objections should be removed. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendment be entered since such an amendment places the present application in form ready for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any aspects of this Reply/Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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